

Loss of \$6,400,000 Caused by Five-Day Walkout at Arvida

Works Manager at Quebec Aluminum Plant Tests Before Royal Commission—Had No Warning of Impending Strike

CHICOUTIMI, Que., Aug. 25 (CP)—A five-day strike in the Aluminum Company of Canada plant at nearby Arvida last July caused the company a loss of \$6,400,000, said A. Johnston, testifying before a Royal commission investigating the cause of the walkout.

Johnston, works manager at the Arvida plant, said that the strike delayed production of about 35,000,000 pounds of aluminum which was to be used for the production of aircraft. No material damage was caused, however, he said, during the strike, which lasted from July 25 to July 29.

The works manager, who testified at both the opening and afternoon sessions of the inquiry said that he was turning point where the aluminum goes through one of its processes was "closed up" during the period the men were on strike. He said it took three days to get the plant back to normal and about two weeks to make them work their full capacity.

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Quarter Reduction in Motor Fuel Use Was Anticipated in British Columbia

Victoria, British Columbia, which registered a record gasoline sales in June, anticipates a sharp drop in the use of motor fuel during the third quarter of the year.

The Petroleum Branch of the Ministry of Finance, which is responsible for the collection of gasoline taxes, said that the use of motor fuel in British Columbia for June was 1,000,000 gallons, or 100,000 gallons more than in May.

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